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Amendments to the Claims:

- ) This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device for avoiding or limiting the tilting of the head forwards and/or to the side of a passenger sitting in a seat with a backrest, comprising:

at least one one-piece or multi-piece head-support element including one or more cushion-shaped elements, said one or more cushion-shaped elements being configured and dimensioned for, in an intended use position, completely surrounding the side and front sections of the neck and/or of the head of the passenger, resting on the shoulders and/or the chest region of the passenger; and

a one-piece or multi-piece connecting section for holding said head-support element in said intended use position, said head-support element continuing into said connecting section, said connecting section being configured and dimensioned for

- ) guiding over and beyond the backrest of the seat and/or being suspended around or over a headrest provided on the seat by throwing said connecting section over the backrest or around

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or over the headrest, said connecting section being formed by two flexible-support elements.

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Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (previously amended): The device according to claim 1, wherein said head-support element is connected via said connecting section to at least one weight element, said head support element, said connecting section and/or said weight element are configured for said weight element to rest or hang behind the passenger.

Claim 4 (previously amended): The device according to claim 3, wherein said weight element is substantially formed by sand which is filled into one or more chambers.

Claim 5 (previously amended): The device according to claim 1, wherein said head-support element is formed by cushion-shaped elements which are of elongate shape.

Claim 6 (previously amended): The device according to claim 1, wherein said cushion-shaped element or elements forming said head-support element have connecting devices which permit a releasable connection of said cushion-shaped elements to one another and/or a

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releasable connection to said connecting section and/or to said weight element.

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Claim 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): The device according to claim 1, wherein A device for avoiding or limiting the tilting of the head forwards and/or to the side of a passenger sitting in a seat with a backrest, comprising:

at least one one-piece or multi-piece head-support element including one or more cushion-shaped elements, said one or more cushion-shaped elements being configured and dimensioned for, in an intended use position, completely surrounding the side and front sections of the neck and/or of the head of the passenger, resting on the shoulders and/or the chest region of the passenger; and

a one-piece or multi-piece connecting section for holding said head-support element in said intended use position, said head-support element continuing into said connecting section, said connecting section being configured and dimensioned for guiding over and beyond the backrest of the seat and/or being suspended around or over a headrest provided on the seat by throwing said connecting section over the backrest or around or over the

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) headrest, said connecting section ~~has~~ having connecting devices, which permit a releasable connection of parts of connecting sections to one another and/or a releasable connection to said head-support element and/or to said weight element.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The device Device according to claim 1, wherein A device for avoiding or limiting the tilting of the head forwards and/or to the side of a passenger sitting in a seat with a backrest, comprising:

at least one one-piece or multi-piece head-support element including one or more cushion-shaped elements, said one or more cushion-shaped elements being configured and dimensioned for, in an intended use position, completely surrounding the side and front sections of the neck and/or of the head of the passenger, resting on the shoulders and/or the chest region of the passenger; and

) a one-piece or multi-piece connecting section for holding said head-support element in said intended use position, said head-support element continuing into said connecting section, said connecting section being configured and dimensioned for guiding over and beyond the backrest of the seat and/or being suspended around or over a headrest provided on the seat by throwing said connecting section over the backrest or around or over the

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headrest, effective dimensions of said connecting section can be varied being variable by an adjustment mechanism or variable connection device.

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